

A Summary of Graduation Requirements for Virginia Public Schools

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This handout is only a summary of information contained in the various documents referenced below and is not an official technical assistance document from the Virginia Department of Education. Users should reference the original documents in helping students make decisions about their graduation options.

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Reference Documents

- Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia May 24, 2006 (Standards of Accreditation - SOA) - http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Accountability/soa.html
- Guidelines Governing Certain Provisions of the Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia - November 30, 2000 http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Accountability/SOAguidelines.pdf
- Superintendent's Memoranda http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2006/

Effective Date for Graduation Requirements (8 VAC 20-131-50.A)

- Graduation requirements are those in effect when that student entered the ninth grade for the first time.
- Standard and verified credits may be awarded for high school courses successfully completed prior to the ninth grade if they meet SOL content requirements or are equivalent in content and academic rigor as those courses offered at the secondary level.

Standard and Verified Credits (8 VAC 20-131-110.A and B) A standard credit is based on a minimum of 140 clock hours of instruction and successful completion of the requirements of the course.

• A verified credit is based on a minimum of 140 clock hours of instruction; successful completion of the requirements of the course; and achievement of a passing score on the end-of-course SOL test or additional test for that course as approved by the Board of Education.

Locally Awarded Verified Credits

• On May 24, 2006, the Board of Education approved revised Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia (8 VAC 20-131-10 et seq.), also known as the Standards of Accreditation. The link below is to the revised regulations. In the Standards of Accreditation (8 VAC 20-131-110.B), the Board adopted guidelines for local school boards to follow in awarding a verified credit toward a Standard Diploma to students. Beginning with the ninth grade class of 2003-2004 and beyond, students who do not pass Standards of Learning tests in science or history and social science may receive locally awarded verified credit from the local school board in accordance with criteria established in guidelines adopted by the Board of Education. For guidelines related to locally awarded verified credits, please refer to Superintendent's Memorandum, Administrative, No. 52, August 9, 2002, Attachment A found at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2002/adm052a.pdf

Ways to Verify a Credit (8 VAC 20-131-110)

- End-of-Course SOL Tests
- Substitute Assessments
- Student-Selected Tests and Certain Professional and Industry Certifications and Licenses

End-of-Course Standards of Learning Tests Available for Verified Credit

• English 11: Reading, Writing

Mathematics: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II
 Science: Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry

• History and Social Science: World History-to 1500 A.D., World History-1500 A.D. to present, World

Geography, Part I, Geography Part II, World Geography, Virginia and

United States History

Substitute Assessments

- The Board of Education has approved additional tests that enable students to earn verified units of credit. (8 VAC 20-131-110). The list of substitute assessments is found at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Assessment/SubTestChart050506.pdf.
- Students shall be counseled annually regarding the options for using substitute tests for earning verified credits . . . and the consequences of failing to fulfill the obligation to complete the requirements for verified units of credit. (8 VAC 20-131-50.L)

Student-Selected Tests

- The student-selected test(s) may come from (a) any end-of-course SOL test that is not already satisfying a required verified credit or (b) tests in computer science, technology or career and technical education, or other areas as prescribed by the Board. (8 VAC 20-131-50.B)
- On June 26, 2002, the Board adopted guidelines for school divisions to follow in awarding more than one verified credit for certain career and technical education certification and licensure exams. These guidelines were announced on the Department of Education's Superintendent's Memoranda Web site at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2002/adm045.html.
- On November 30, 2005, the Board approved a revised list of industry certifications that can be used to satisfy student-selected verified credits. The complete list of approved certification and licensure exams can be found linked to Superintendent's Memorandum, Informational, No. 236, December 9, 2005, at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2005/inf236.html.

Verified Credit Waiver

• In certain circumstances, school divisions can waive the verified credit requirement for students who transfer into Virginia public schools in grade 12. The form to request this option can be found at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Accountability/verified credit waiver app.doc.

Standard and Verified *Credit* Requirements (8 VAC 20-131-50.B)

Transitional Requirements

→ Graduation requirements are those in effect when that student entered the ninth grade for the first time, regardless of the year the student graduates.

| Ninth | If Student Graduates | Must earn # Standard Credits | Must earn # Verified Credits |
|-------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Graders in: | in Four Years: | | |
| 1997-1998 | 2001 | 21 | Must pass LPT; 0 verified credits |
| 1998-1999 | 2002 | 22 | Must pass LPT; 0 verified credits |
| | | | |
| 1999-2000 | 2003 | 22 | Must pass LPT; 0 verified credits |
| | | Must include 2 sequential electives* | |
| 2000-2001 | 2004 | 22 | 6 verified credits: 2 English; |
| 2001-2002 | 2005 | Must include 2 sequential electives* | 4 student-selected |
| 2002-2003 | 2006 | _ | |
| 2003-2004 | 2007 and beyond | 22 | 6 verified credits: 2 English; |
| and beyond | | Must include 2 sequential electives* | 1 mathematics; 1 science; 1 history/ |
| | | _ | social science; 1 student-selected |

^{*}Required for graduates in 2003 and beyond

Standard Diploma Course Requirements (8 VAC 20-131-50.B)

| Discipline Area | Standard Credits – Effective with ninth graders in 1998-99 | Verified Credits – Effective for Ninth Graders in | |
|--|--|--|--------------------|
| | | 2000-01 through 2002-03 | 2003-04 and beyond |
| English | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| Mathematics ¹ | 3 | | 1 |
| Laboratory Science ^{2,6} | 3 | | 1 |
| History and Social Sciences ^{3,6} | 3 | | 1 |
| Health and Physical Education | 2 | | |
| Fine Arts or Career and | 1 | | |
| Technical Education | | | |
| Electives ⁴ | 6 | | |
| Student Selected Test ⁵ | | 4 | 1 |
| Total | 22 | 6 | 6 |

¹ Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall be at or above the level of algebra and shall include at least two course selections from among: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, or other mathematics courses above the level of algebra and geometry. The Board may approve additional courses to satisfy this requirement.

² Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall include course selections from at least two different science disciplines: earth sciences, biology, chemistry, or physics. The Board may approve additional courses to satisfy this requirement.

³ Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall include U.S. and Virginia History, U.S. and Virginia Government, and one course in either world history or geography or both. The Board may approve additional courses to satisfy this requirement.

⁴ Courses to satisfy this requirement shall include at least two sequential electives as required by the Standards of Quality.

⁵ A student may utilize additional tests for earning verified credit in computer science, technology, career and technical education or other areas as prescribed by the Board in 8 VAC 20-131-110.

⁶ Students who complete a career and technical [education] program sequence and pass an examination or occupational competency assessment in a career and technical education field that confers certification or an occupational competency credential form a recognized industry, or trade or professional association or acquires a professional license in a career and technical education field from the Commonwealth of Virginia may substitute the certification, competency credential, or license for (1) the student selected verified credit and (2) either a science or history or social science verified credit when the certification, license, or credential confers more than one verified credit. The examination or occupational competency assessment must be approved by the Board of Education as an additional test to verify student achievement.

Advanced Studies Diploma Standard and Verified Credit Requirements (8 VAC 20-131-50.C)

Transitional Requirements

→ Graduation requirements are those in effect when that student entered the ninth grade for the first time, regardless of the year the student graduates.

| Ninth Graders | If Student | Must earn # Standard Credits | Must earn # Verified Credits |
|---------------|--------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| in: | Graduates in | | |
| | Four Years: | | |
| 1997-1998 | 2001 | 23 | Must pass LPT; 0 verified credits |
| 1998-1999 | 2002 | 24 | Must pass LPT; 0 verified credits |
| 1999-2000 | 2003 | | |
| 2000-2001 and | 2004 and | 24 | 9 verified credits: 2 English; |
| beyond | beyond | | 2 mathematics; 2 science; |
| | | | 2 history/social science; |
| | | | 1 student-selected |

Advanced Studies Diploma Course Requirements (8 VAC 20-131-50.C)

| Discipline Area | Standard Credits – Effective | Verified Credits – Effective |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | with ninth graders in 1998-99 | with ninth graders in 2000-01 |
| English | 4 | 2 |
| Mathematics ¹ | 4 | 2 |
| Laboratory Science ² | 4 | 2 |
| History and Social Sciences ³ | 4 | 2 |
| Foreign Languages ⁴ | 3 | |
| Health and Physical Education | 2 | |
| Fine Arts or Career and Technical | 1 | |
| Education | | |
| Electives | 2 | |
| Student Selected Test ⁵ | | 1 |
| Total | 24 | 9 |

¹ Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall be at or above the level of algebra and shall include at least three different course selections from among: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, or other mathematics courses above the level of Algebra II. The Board may approve additional courses to satisfy this requirement.

² Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall include course selections from at least three different science disciplines from among: earth sciences, biology, chemistry, or physics or completion of the sequence of science courses required for the International Baccalaureate Diploma. The Board may approve additional courses to satisfy this requirement.

³ Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall include U.S. and Virginia History, U.S. and Virginia Government, and two courses in either world history or geography or both. The Board may approve additional courses to satisfy this requirement.

⁴ Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall include three years of one language or two years of two languages.

⁵ A student may utilize additional tests for earning verified credit in computer science, technology, career or technical education or other areas as prescribed by the Board in 8 VAC 20-131-110.

Approved Courses for the Standard and Advanced Studies Diplomas

• A list of courses that satisfy the Standard and Advanced Studies Diploma requirements may be found at http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/Instruction/webcrses.html.

First-time Transfers to a Virginia Public School - Standard Diploma Verified Credit Requirements (8 VAC 20-131-60.G.1 and H)

Beginning = First 20 hours of instruction During = After the first 20 hours of instruction Students transferring into Must Earn Ninth Graders in Ninth Graders in 2000-01, 2001-02, a Virginia public **2003-04** and beyond school for the first time 2002-03 6 Verified Credits During 9th Grade English 2 Beginning of 10th Grade Mathematics Science 1 History and Social Science 1 Student Selected 4 4 Verified Credits During 10th Grade English 1 1 Beginning of 11th Grade Mathematics Science 1 History and Social Science Student Selected 3 2 Verified Credits During 11th Grade English Beginning of 12th Grade Student Selected Students should be given every opportunity to earn a diploma; if this is not possible, arrange During 12th Grade to have the previous school award the diploma; or seek a waiver of the verified credit requirement from the DOE.

First-time Transfers to a Virginia Public School - Advanced Studies Diploma Verified Credit Requirements (8 VAC 20-131-60.G.2 and H)

| Beginning = First 20 ho | ours of instruction During = Afte | er the first 20 hours of instruction |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| Students transferring into a Virginia public school for the first time | Must Earn | Ninth Graders in 2000-01 and beyond |
| During 9 th Grade | 9 Verified Credits English | 2 |
| Beginning of 10 th Grade | Mathematics | 2 |
| | Science | 2 |
| | History and Social Science | 2 |
| | Student Selected | 1 |
| During 10 th Grade | 6 Verified Credits | |
| | English | 2 |
| Beginning of 11 th Grade | Mathematics | 1 |
| | Science | 1 |
| | History and Social Science | 1 |
| | Student Selected | 1 |
| During 11 th Grade | 4 Verified Credits | |
| During 11 Grade | English | 1 |
| Beginning of 12 th Grade | Student Selected | 3 |
| During 12 th Grade | Students should be given every opportunity to earn a diploma; if this is not possible, arrange to have the previous school award the diploma; or seek a waiver of the verified credit requirement from the DOE. | |

Superintendent's Memorandum, Interpretive, No. 2, December 20, 2002 provides further clarification for applying the criteria for transfer regulations. (http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2002/int002.html)

Modified Standard Diploma (8 VAC 20-131-50.D)

- Intended for certain students at the secondary level who have a disability and are unlikely to meet the credit requirements for a Standard Diploma
- Eligibility and participation in the program determined by the student's IEP team and the student, when appropriate
- Decisions of eligibility and participation may be made at any point after the student's eighth- grade year
- Must have written consent from parent/guardian for a student to choose this diploma program
- The student must:
 - be allowed to pursue a Standard or Advanced Studies Diploma at any time throughout his or her high school career
 - not be excluded from courses and tests required to earn a Standard or Advanced Studies Diploma
 - pass literacy and numeracy competency assessments as prescribed by the Board
 - For students who entered the ninth grade prior to 2000-01, the literacy and numeracy competency assessments were the reading and mathematics subtests of the LPT.
 - For students who entered the ninth grade in 2000-01 and beyond, the literacy and numeracy competency assessments are the eighth-grade English Reading test and the eighth-grade Mathematics SOL test (Board action November 30, 2000).
 - The Board has approved the use of end-of-course assessments as substitute assessments for the literacy and numeracy competency requirement. In addition, students pursuing the Modified Standard Diploma shall have opportunities for expedited retest on the 8th grade tests. For complete information, refer to Superintendent's Memorandum, Informational, No. 30, March 7, 2003, found at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2003/inf030.html.
 - The Board also approved four additional substitute assessments to satisfy the literacy and numeracy requirements for students pursuing a Modified Standard Diploma. Please refer to Superintendent's Memorandum, Informational, No. 53, March 5, 2004, found at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2004/inf053.html.

Modified Standard Diploma Credit and Course Requirements (8 VAC 131-50.D.5)

| Discipline | Standard Credits |
|---|------------------|
| English | 4 |
| Mathematics ¹ | 3 |
| Science ² | 2 |
| History and Social Science ³ | 2 |
| Health and Physical Education | 2 |
| Fine or Practical Arts | 1 |
| Electives ⁴ | 6 |
| Total | 20 |

¹ Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall include content from among applications of algebra, geometry, personal finance, and statistics in courses that have been approved by the Board.

² Courses complete shall include content from at least two of the following: applications of earth science, biology, chemistry, or physics in courses approved by the Board.

³ Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall include one unit of credit in U.S. and Virginia History and one unit of credit in U.S. and Virginia Government in courses approved by the Board.

⁴ Courses to satisfy this requirement shall include a least two sequential electives in the same manner required for the Standard Diploma.

Approved Courses for the Modified Standard Diploma

 A list of courses to satisfy the graduation requirements for the Modified Standard Diploma is attached to Superintendent's Memo No. 63, December 15, 2000, at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2000/adm063.html.

Other Diplomas and Certificates (8 VAC 20-131-50.E, F, and G)

- **Special Diploma** Available to students with disabilities who complete the requirements of their IEP and who do not meet the requirements for other diplomas.
- **Certificate of Program Completion** Available to students who complete prescribed programs of studies defined by a local school board but who do not qualify for diplomas.
- **General Education Development Certificates (GED)** Refer to *Regulations Governing General Education Development Certificates* (8 VAC 20-360-10, et. seq.), see also Superintendent's Memorandum No. 131, General Educational Development (GED) Testing Eligibility, effective July 1, 2006, found at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2006/inf131.html.
- **General Achievement Diploma** Available to students 18 years or older who meet the criteria set by the Board of Education. Refer to Superintendent's Memorandum, Informational, No. 123, August 1, 2003, found at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2003/inf123.html.

Additional Local Graduation Requirements (8 VAC 20-131-50.A and 8 VAC 20-131-60.H and I)

- Local school boards <u>may</u> request and receive permission from the Board of Education to prescribe additional requirements for graduation. Additional requirements that were approved by the Board of Education prior to June 30, 1997, have been grandfathered indefinitely and can remain in effect until a local school board seeks to amend these requirements or the Board of Education takes further action. (November 30, 2000 Guidelines see "Reference Documents" above)
- Local school divisions <u>may not</u> deny a Standard, Advanced Studies, or Modified Standard Diploma to any *transfer* student who has met the requirements for these diplomas if the student can meet the requirements only by taking a heavier than normal course load in any semester, by taking summer school, or by taking courses after the time when he otherwise would have graduated.
- Technical Assistance Document on Local Graduation Requirements June 25, 1998 http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Accountability/gradguidance.pdf

Electives

• Sequential Electives

- Beginning with the graduating class of 2003, at least two sequential electives are required for the Standard and Modified Standard Diplomas.
 - Superintendent's Memorandum, Interpretive, No. 1, May 25, 2001 (http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2001/int003.html)
- Guidelines Governing Sequential Electives Approved by the Board on February 5, 2002 Attachment A to Superintendent's Memorandum, Interpretive, No. 1, March 8, 2002 (http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2002/int001.html)
 - Sequential electives may be in any discipline as long as the courses are not specifically required for graduation.
 - Courses used to satisfy the one unit of credit in a fine arts or career and technical education course may be used to partially satisfy this requirement.
 - For career and technical education electives, check with the Office of Career and Technical Education at (804) 225-2051.
 - An exploratory course followed by an introductory course may not be used to satisfy the requirement.
 - An introductory course followed by another level of the same course of study may be used.
 - Sequential electives do not have to be taken in consecutive years.

- Fine Arts or Career and Technical Education The Standard, Advanced Studies, and Modified Standard Diplomas each contain a requirement for one standard unit of credit in a fine arts or career and technical education. The Standards of Accreditation do not require that courses used to satisfy the requirement of a fine arts or career and technical education course be approved by the board. Therefore, local school officials should use their own judgment in determining which courses students take to satisfy the requirement of a unit of credit in fine arts or career and technical education for the Standard, Advanced Studies, and Modified Standard Diplomas.
- Foreign Language The Advanced Studies Diploma contains a requirement for either three years of one foreign language or two years of two languages. In March 1998, the Board of Education approved the provision of three years of instruction in American Sign Language (ASL) for foreign language credit toward an Advanced Studies Diploma; other foreign languages will satisfy this requirement as well. Details of this action are available in Superintendent's Memorandum, Interpretive, No. 1, June 12, 1998, found at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/1998/int001.html.

Dual Enrollment

• Virginia's "Plan for Dual Enrollment Between Virginia Public Schools and Community Colleges" provides a framework for dual enrollment arrangements between Virginia public schools and community colleges. Arrangements may be made at the local level, i.e., between the representatives of boards of the participating public school and the participating community college authorized to contract such agreements to allow high school students to take college courses while enrolled in high school. Additional information can be found in Superintendent's Memorandum, Information, No. 73, April 1, 2005, at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2005/inf073.html.

Diploma Seal Options (8 VAC 20-131-50.I)

• Superintendent's Memorandum, Administrative, No. 9, March 10, 2006 – Attachment A contains an order form for diploma seals (http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2006/adm009a.doc).

Local Seals

• Local school boards may define criteria for local seals or awards for exceptional academic, career and technical, citizenship, or other exemplary performance.

• Board of Education Seal

- Complete the requirements for a Standard Diploma or an Advanced Studies Diploma with an average grade of "A"
- Students who entered the 9th grade prior to 2000-01 will be allowed to earn the Board of Education Seal under the requirements in effect when they entered the 9th grade: an average grade of "B" (November 30, 2000 Guidelines see "Reference Documents" above)

• Governor's Seal

- Complete the requirements for an Advanced Studies Diploma with an average grade of "B" or better AND
- Successfully complete college-level coursework that will earn the student at least 9 transferable college credits in Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment, International Baccalaureate, and/or Cambridge examinations.

• Career and Technical Education Seal

- Earn a Standard Diploma or an Advanced Studies Diploma AND
- One of the following:
 - Complete a prescribed sequence of courses in a career and technical education concentration or specialization and maintain a "B" or better average in those courses, OR
 - Pass an examination or an occupational competency assessment in a career and technical education concentration or specialization that confers certification or an occupational competency credential from a recognized industry, trade, or professional association, OR
 - Acquire a professional license in that career and technical education field from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Seal of Advanced Mathematics and Technology

- Earn a Standard Diploma or an Advanced Studies Diploma AND
- Satisfy all the mathematics requirements for the Advanced Studies Diploma (four units of credit including Algebra II; two verified units of credit) with at least a "B" average AND
- One of the following:
 - Pass an examination in a career and technical education concentration or specialization that confers certification from a recognized industry, trade, or professional association OR
 - Acquire a professional license in that career and technical education field from the Commonwealth of Virginia OR
 - Pass an examination approved by the Board that confers college-level credit in a technology or computer science area.
- Lists of trade, industry, and professional licenses and certifications that satisfy the requirements for the Career
 and Technical Education Seal and the Seal of Advanced Mathematics and Technology are on the Internet at
 http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Instruction/CTE. Click on "Seals of Achievement."

• Excellence in Civics Education

- Earn a Standard or an Advanced Studies Diploma AND
- Complete Virginia and United States History and Virginia and United Sates Government courses with a grade of "B" or higher; AND
- Complete 50 hours of voluntary participation in community service or extracurricular activities. Activities that would count include:
 - a) Volunteering for a charitable or religious organization that provides services to the poor, sick or less fortunate
 - b) Participating in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts or similar youth organizations
 - c) Participating in JROTC
 - d) Participating in political campaigns or government internships, or Boys State, Girls State, or Model General Assembly
 - e) Participating in school –sponsored extracurricular activities that have a civics focus.

Any student who enlists in the United States military prior to graduation will be deemed to have met this community service requirement.

AND

• Have good attendance and no disciplinary infractions as determined by local school board policies.

Secondary School Transcripts

- Secondary School Transcript Regulations and transcript prototypes may be found in Superintendent's Memorandum, Informational, No. 10, January 18, 2002, at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2002/inf010.html.
- Secondary School Transcript Regulations are currently under review. The
 proposed regulations, may be found at
 http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/VA_Board/Meetings/2006/ItemA-feb.pdf.

Instructions for Accessing Course Codes

Course codes/assignment codes may be found at

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Publications/TCHCount/datacoll/assign_codes.xls.

Endorsement codes may be found at

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Publications/TCHCount/datacoll/endorse_codes.xls.

Additional Information

To assist students who need additional instructional support to earn a verified credit, please go to the *Project Graduation* page at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/2plus4in2004/index.shtml.

Students may choose different opportunities for acceleration during the high school years. Information about the Early College Scholars program can be found at

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2005/inf217.html.

Also available to students is the Virtual Advanced Placement School. Please visit http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Technology/VAPS.html for additional information about courses and registration.

To assist school divisions regarding the age limitation for students to attend public schools, please see the information at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2004/inf133.html.

Information regarding the guidelines for establishing a regional continuation high school/program is posted at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2004/inf118.html.

Superintendent's Memoranda

The following Superintendent's Memoranda have been assembled for easy access and as a quick reference to information that impact graduation requirements for Virginia public schools:

Adoption of Cut Scores for Additional Substitute Tests for Verified Credit http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2006/inf098.html

Diploma Seals

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2006/adm009.html

Virginia Plan for Dual Enrollment Between Virginia Public Schools and Community Colleges http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2005/inf073.html

Early College Scholars Program

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2005/inf217.html

General Educational Development (GED) Testing Eligibility, effective July 1, 2006 http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2006/inf131.html

Home Instruction

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2006/inf010.html

2006 Legislation Impacting Home Instruction

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2006/inf124.html

Passing Scores Adopted by the Board of Education for the New End-of-Course English: Reading and Algebra II Tests http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2005/inf248.html

Project Graduation

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2006/inf062.html

Revised List of Credentials Approved for the Board of Education's Career and Technical Education Seal, the Board of Education's Seal of Advanced Mathematics and Technology, and Student-Selected Verified Credit http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2005/inf052.html

SAT/PSAT/NMSQT Assistance to Students

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2005/inf218.html

Standards for Diplomas Earned in Adult High School Programs http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2004/inf193.html

Virtual Advanced Placement School Registration http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2006/inf084.html

Virginia Virtual Advanced Placement School Course Catalog and Web Link http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2005/inf155.html

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